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In this Example, another type of slip film, a cellulose film adapted for use with a water-washable flexographic printing plate, is modified with a UV absorber. The concentration and thickness found in the previous Example were utilized to ensure the maximum UV absorption by the film.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 10 and 13 to read as follows.

- 10. (Amended) A photosensitive element comprising:
- a backing layer;
- at least one layer of photopolymerizable material on said backing
 layer;
- o at least one ablation layer which is ablatable by infrared radiation and opaque to non-infrared actinic radiation, wherein the infrared ablation layer is in direct contact with the at least one photopolymerizable layer and has a surface opposite the photopolymerizable layer capable of being exposed to laser ablation, the infrared ablation layer comprising:
 - at least one infrared absorbing material; and
 at least one binder that is a polyacetal, polyacrylic, polyimide,
 polybutylene, polycarbonate, polyester, polyethylene,
 polyphenylene ether, or polyethylene oxide;

wherein the ablation layer is ablatable from the surface of the photopolymerizable layer upon exposure to infrared laser radiation.